

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Public Administration** 

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For immediate release:

## MPA TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON MODERNISATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE

*For Immediate Release:* The Ministry of Public Administration will host a Symposium entitled 'Pivot: From Paper to Pixels - Modernising the Public Service' in commemoration of Public Service Day, on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Port of Spain.

Celebrated annually on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the United Nations (UN) Public Service Day was designated by the UN General Assembly in 2003 to "celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community". UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Gerardo Noto will bring greetings on behalf of the United Nations while Senator The Honourable Allyson West, Minister of Public Administration, will deliver the feature address. A subsequent panel discussion will feature Senator the Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Trade and Industry, The Honourable Dr Nyan Gadsby Dolly, Minister of Education, Senator the Honourable Hassel Bacchus, Minister of Digital Transformation, Inter-American Development Bank Modernization of the State Lead Specialist, Mr Arturo Muente-Kunigami and TT Chamber of Commerce Vice Chairman of the Digital Business and Technology Committee, Mr Kirk Henry.

"As the Ministry charged with modernising the public service, we are pleased to host a week of events. Public Service Day reminds us of the importance of the public service to the development of our beloved country, and those individuals who dedicate their lives every day to ensure our nation's growth and success," Senator West stated. "To move our public services, programmes and policies into a citizen-centric, digitally enabled and interconnected Trinidad and Tobago, we must continue to pivot our energies towards service delivery excellence." The Symposium will be followed by an awards ceremony celebrating public service excellence.

After a three-year hiatus as a result of the pandemic, the Ministry has broadened its in-person programme to include an Expo and Career Fair on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Hyatt Regency that is free and open to the public, as well as a Sensitisation Session for Public Servants on 'Customer Service Excellence and Ethics in a Digitalised Workplace' on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

The Symposium will be streamed live on Facebook at Ministry of Public Administration TT and select media.

For more information please visit: <u>www.mpa.gov.tt</u> or email <u>publicserviceweek@gov.tt</u>

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